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TEN GRADUATING
CLASSES

**TWO MORE IUP ATHLETES
ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

By TONY ATWATER

The Power of Stewardship

The university suffered a great loss on February 23, 2009, with the passing of Trustee David Johnson '53. On April 30, the university community had the opportunity to reflect on his amazing legacy of stewardship and leadership.

Mr. Johnson served on the Council of Trustees for three decades. He was an enthusiastic and loyal cheerleader for IUP. And, by example, he has taught many how to lead, serve, and live. Most recently, IUP

established a new center for Civic Engagement and Student Leadership. We want students to appreciate the notion that great leaders most often are great stewards.

Mr. Johnson never forgot his legacy as a home-town boy, or as an IUP graduate with deep roots. His mother was Sally Bevan Johnson, a 1921 graduate of IUP (then called Indiana Normal School).

Mrs. Johnson set the example for her son's service as trustee, as she served in that role from 1954 to 1956. She also was president of the school's alumni association, led committees that preserved historic John Sutton Hall and Breezedale on campus, and, in 1958, received a Distinguished Alumni Citation for her service.

It is most fitting that Sally B. Johnson Hall, named in her honor, houses the university's Safety Sciences Department, a place that

owes its origin to Mr. Johnson's vision and foresight.

As vice president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association, Mr. Johnson recognized both a growing need for safety sciences-trained professionals and the opportunity for IUP to fill that career niche.

He was instrumental in successfully securing a \$100,000 grant to help start the safety sciences program at IUP in 1972. The department has grown and advanced from the foundation of courses that he helped to develop.

Today, IUP's Safety Sciences Department is one of only twelve accredited undergraduate programs of its kind in the nation. The department enrolls two hundred undergraduate and seventy-five graduate students and will shortly launch a doctoral program. The department boasts a 94 percent job placement rate for new graduates.

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In 2002, the late
Trustee David Johnson
'53 and his wife,
Audrey Vogan Johnson
'52, donated an 1856
map of Indiana County
to Stapleton Library.
Displayed on the
library's second floor,
the map is the work of
David Peilor, the
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and draftsman from
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Peilor Map, courtesy of
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Cook Honors College benefactor Bob Cook, photographed in Whitmyre Hall by Keith Boyer.

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IUP Performing Arts Center, photographed by Keith Boyer.



letters



● U.S. Army captains Stephen Mihalacki '01, left, and Kevin Fromknecht '02 were ROTC classmates at IUP. Today, they are serving in Iraq.

Nice Guy Rewarded

I always look in the 1970s section to see what my fellow IUP grads have accomplished. It was great to see an article about Jim Anderson. I also went to the Alumni Extra section to read more and to see Jim's picture.

Jim looks great. He hasn't changed in appearance much over the years, and I'm sure he's still a nice guy. Nice guys are supposed to finish last, but I'm sure Jim's not finished yet. He has been a juvenile advocate ever since leaving IUP. Jim always treated them with respect and compassion, just like he did with all his friends. It's wonderful to see a nice guy rewarded by his peers and to get nationwide recognition for a job that he is so passionate about.

Connie Sablofski Farmer '72
Easton, Pa.

Hooked on History

I was so thrilled to read in the latest issue of *IUP Magazine* that Dr. Charles Cashdollar was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award. I was privileged to be a student of Dr. Cashdollar in the late 1970s. I was a Special Education major, and I did not understand why I had to take a history course. History had never been interesting to me. I took History of the United States and Pennsylvania from 1865 to Present. I went the first day, thinking, "This is going to be the most boring class ever."

Boy, was I wrong! Dr. Cashdollar presented history to us in such a way that I was mesmerized by his storytelling eloquence and passion for the subject. From then on, I was hooked on history and his class. In my teaching career, I have had the opportunity to teach history and social studies. I have talked about Dr. Cashdollar many times to my students.

My son will be attending IUP in the fall, and I was so hoping he would have the pleasure of taking one of Dr. Cashdollar's classes. I was so upset to hear that he is no longer teaching at IUP. I cannot wait to read his history of IUP.

During my four years at IUP, I had many wonderful professors. There are three that continue to be vivid memories for me: Mrs. Marie Bahn of the Education of Exceptional Persons area, who taught me that every child can learn; Dr. Edward Wolf, who was my work-study supervisor at Stabley Library and who understood why I wanted to become a special education teacher; and Dr. Charles Cashdollar, who taught me to love my country, to love history, and to love knowledge. Thank you.

Jo Ann Calafiore Doughty '80
Hartsville, S.C..

Greetings from Iraq

I just wanted to say a quick hello to all my IUP family and friends. I am in the middle of my second tour to Iraq. This time, though, I have an IUP flag with me, thanks to the generosity of the IUP Alumni Association. (Thank you all.)

I appreciate all the support and well wishes from everyone, especially from some of my former Economics professors like Dr. Jozefowicz and members of the Robert E. Cook Honors College. I look forward to coming home soon and visiting campus again. I hear the new residence halls are beautiful. I am sending a picture of me and Captain Kevin Fromknecht, Class of 2002 (and fellow ROTC classmate), holding my new IUP flag outside of our living quarters at Camp Taji, Iraq.

CPT Stephen Mihalacki '01
Camp Taji, Iraq

Monumental Reflections

Thanks so much for the impressive reference to John Updike in the recent issue of *IUP Magazine*. Your coverage was well done and has elicited much response; I commend both your timeliness and your recognition of the magnitude of IUP's association with Mr. Updike. While all of us were excited to have him lecture at our campus and provide a workshop, too, we probably didn't realize at the time how significant these events were: As it turned out, this was the only workshop he ever held on writing. Thus, his reflections were monumental, as was the documentary that grew out of the IUP-sponsored event.

Image enhancement accrued to IUP for this event which, in my humble opinion, remains a real gem in the IUP crown. Now that Mr. Updike has passed from the scene, it's good to reflect on his genius and our treasured moments with him; thanks, through this edition of *IUP Magazine*, for helping us do that so tastefully.

Ron Shafer '68, M'70
University Professor
Kittanning, Pa.

'Agitprop'

Surely IUP has enough impressive achievements, alumni, students, faculty, and administrators that it does not have to dedicate the cover story of its magazine to a paid campus visit by a political agitprop like Donna Brazile. Let's feature IUP people in the *IUP Magazine* and list campus visitors like Ms. Brazile in an appropriate forum in the magazine.

Bob Marchesani '83
Indianapolis

Fallen Hero



Keith Boyer

● Less than a month after City of Pittsburgh Police Officer Stephen Mayhle '02 was killed in the line of duty, the IUP Council of Trustees adopted the memorial resolution reprinted at right. Trustees Vice Chair Susan Delaney, left, and President Tony Atwater presented it to Mayhle's widow Shandra, his mother, Marjorie; his father, Ronald, and his daughters Brooklynn and Jennifer.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN J. MAYHLE

WHEREAS, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania community, like all of Western Pennsylvania, was horrified by the events of April 4, 2009, that took the lives of Stephen J. Mayhle and two other City of Pittsburgh police officers;

WHEREAS, Officer Mayhle was a 2002 graduate of IUP's Criminology Program; a serious and excellent student who distinguished himself in the classroom; a devoted husband, father, and son; and a native of Indiana County;

WHEREAS, Officer Mayhle, who turned twenty-nine the day before his death, responded on April 4 with Officer Paul J. Sciuillo II to a call for assistance and both, with Officer Eric G. Kelly, were slain in a senseless and unwarranted act;

WHEREAS, Officer Mayhle conducted himself with courage and valor as he and his fellow officers sought to serve and protect the people of the City of Pittsburgh;

WHEREAS, the gallant and heroic actions of Officer Mayhle have inspired pride in members of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania community as well as deep sorrow at his sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania expresses its deep and abiding regard for Stephen J. Mayhle and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and fellow officers.

Approved this first day of May 2009.



The Music Didn't Die

On my way to Dan DiCicco's viewing a few minutes ago, something occurred to me. His passing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, came fifty years to the day following the Iowa plane crash that took the lives of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. Richardson, "The Big Bopper."

February 3, 1959, was also a Tuesday. The event became memorialized in 1971 by Don McLean as "the day the music died." But the memory of the friendship and professional artistic excellence brought to us by Dan DiCicco in everything he did will never die.

That music lives on.

*Jack Reefer '69
Indiana, Pa.*

After graduating from IUP in December 1974, I found a job working as a programmer analyst in downtown Pittsburgh. I worked in Western Pennsylvania over the next three decades in a variety of IT positions, which culminated in a career move into academia as an assistant professor at California University of Pennsylvania in 2005. As I reflect over my

career for the past thirty-plus years, many thoughts continually come back to mind, and generally, most of them always come back to my days at IUP.

The move from my hometown, New Castle, to IUP in the fall of 1970 was a truly exceptional time. I lived in Leroy Hall with friends to this day, David "Rock" DiPietro '74, John "Gio" Giannone '74, and Bob "T..." Duff '76. While balancing the delicate line of studying and the social side of student life, lifetime friendships evolved even more strongly as a member of the Theta Xi fraternity (Beta Lambda 260) with brothers such as Pat "The Lip" Lanigan '72, my cousin Dennis DiLorenzo '74, Leonard "Punky" Bubri '74, Ken "Tabs" Tabish '74, Jim "Jonesy" Jones '75, and Rick "Woody" Woodring '75 and the other brothers from the '75 class, and many more brothers not noted here but always in my heart. We had a lot of fun (dude ranch party, Fiji party, Wednesday Night Mixers) just hanging out. While we enjoyed ourselves, somewhere deep inside, we kept the eye on the ball for after graduation—at least we thought we did.

After graduation, we moved into various career paths, with some attaining fairly impressive positions in industry. Some of us met our wives at IUP, where we celebrate our marriages of over twenty-five to thirty or more years. So, my thanks to IUP for providing the "right culture" for us back in the 1970s, where we all grew as individuals for life's challenges ahead.

On the academic side, special thanks to the late Professor Les Spencer, an IUP faculty member who helped groom me for the computer information systems profession. I have spent a lifetime enjoying the work that he mentored while I try to emulate his teaching style in my classroom at Cal U.

Kudos to IUP and a warm hello to my current and past IUP friends. It has been a wonderful ride for me over the past thirty-plus years, and the bulk of it all started in rooms in Leroy Hall, Regency Apartments, and 234 South Seventh Street.

*Gary DeLorenzo '74
Monroeville, Pa.*

IUP BY THE NUMBERS

Reviewing the Revival

Background

In the first months of 2005, IUP completed the University Housing Master Plan, and the Foundation for IUP took on the job of implementing it. The initial plan contained seven phases and forecast completion in 2013.

The Foundation chose Allen and O'Hara as the program's developer. With architect WTW, Allen and O'Hara prepared a revised plan that permitted completion in a shorter timeframe at a project cost of approximately \$270 million. The Residential Revival would mean that existing residence halls would be replaced with suite-style buildings.

Phase I:

Wahr Hall demolished in 2006 (The campus greenhouse and the Administrative Annex were also demolished at this time.)

Delaney Hall (Grant Street and Pratt Drive) opened August 2007: **367 beds; 145,338** gross square feet of living space; **12,462** gross square feet of amenity space

Putt Hall (Grant and Eleventh streets) opened August 2007: **367 beds; 144,896** gross square feet of living space; **8,756** gross square feet of amenity space

Phase II:

Langham, Mack, Stewart, and Turnbull halls demolished in 2007 (Gordon Hall was also demolished at this time [it had not been used as a residence hall for several years], as well as Pechan Health Center.)

Suites on Maple West (Maple and Eleventh streets) opened August 2008: **365 beds; 136,093** gross square feet of living space; **10,227** gross square feet of amenity space

Suites on Maple East (Maple Street and Pratt Drive) opened August 2008: **356 beds; 143,302** gross square feet of living space; **23,498** gross square feet of amenity space

Northern Suites (between Weyandt and Whitmyre halls) opened August 2008: **373 beds; 128,405** gross square feet of living space



● The Suites on Pratt building nears completion in May. Right: Pratt Drive is clogged with construction materials as the Sutton Suites take on a finished appearance. The hedge in the foreground is near Flagstone Theater.

Phase III:

Esch and Wallace halls and Campus Towers demolished in 2008

Suites on Pratt (Pratt Drive and Maple Street) set to open August 2009: **358 beds; 121,862** gross square feet of living space

Sutton Suites (Pratt Drive, opposite Flagstone Theater) set to open August 2009: **702 beds; 233,644** gross square feet of living space

Donations from the Foundation for IUP to nonprofit organizations:

554 bunk beds
583 mattresses
508 desks
529 dressers
426 wardrobes
600 desk chairs
255 mirrors
38 stoves
59 kitchen tables
87 end tables

Phase IV:

Scranton, Lawrence, Shafer (Governors Quad) demolished

Crimson Suites to be erected along Maple Street: **596 beds; 185,836** gross square feet of living space

Donations from the Foundation for IUP to nonprofit organizations (as of May 15):

178 wardrobes
239 dressers
77 desks
130 mattresses
54 bed frames/springs
50 bunk beds with mattresses
134 beds with mattresses
442 chairs
50 garbage cans
5 sofas

Editor's Note: Don't miss the Web Exclusive on the Residential Revival at www.iup.edu/magazine.

 **WEB EXCLUSIVE**



ACCUMULATED



● Cook Honors College
Director Janet Goebel meets
with Bob Cook in her office.

ACHIEVEMENT

Bob Cook left Altoona in 1960 for Indiana State College, where he majored in Mathematics Education and graduated in 1964. When he compares today's university with the school of a half-century ago, more than the name has changed.

BY KAREN GRESH

Photography by Keith Boyer

"There was much less diversity then," he said. "Only recently has it become a much more inclusive place. In the sixties, there was no effort, for example, to recruit top students."

Today's students are different, too. "Many are far more thoughtful and better able to communicate than any of us were," he said. "They are more interested in scholarly work, and they are able to think critically. That ability is the biggest difference in kids between then and now."

Cook came to campus this past spring to celebrate the tenth graduating class of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, founded in

the early nineties with a gift from him that was then the largest ever received by IUP. His most recent gift of \$2.5 million a few months ago brought his total giving to the university to more than \$10 million.

"The Cook Honors College has exceeded my fondest expectations," he said. "Much of that is because of Janet Goebel's leadership." Goebel has been director of the Cook Honors College since its inception.

In the Commencement address he delivered at IUP in May, Cook said Goebel "is a Fulbright Scholar and a superstar." As a former Fulbright winner, Goebel has seen her achievement emulated by seven Cook Honors College students—along with twenty-nine

other winners of Truman, Goldwater, and the other "top academic scholarships" Cook mentioned in his address.

Cook believes the accumulated achievement of these honors will burnish the academic reputation of IUP and the Cook Honors College. He also believes that in order to win such honors, students need more than academics; they need experiences that broaden their perspectives.

"I had never planned for achievement money," he said. "We found we needed, though, to start paying for 'unpaid' internships and for travel and study abroad. One of the first recipients was a math savant from Tucson who spent a summer in Hungary."

In a news release issued by the Cook Honors College to announce its chief benefactor's most recent gift, Director Janet Goebel said, "We are able to offer all students a chance to study abroad or intern through an 'achievement fund.' This is a life-transforming experience for college students of modest means, one which has allowed many of them such broadening possibilities as spending a junior year at Oxford or interning with the top organizations across the nation that may later become their employers."

Cook said he hopes IUP alumni and others will join him in providing

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● Whitmyre Hall, home of the Cook Honors College

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achievement money. "We will," he said, "give it to whoever deserves it the most."

In turn, the achievement fund will help additional students win top academic prizes. And, as Cook told the May 2009 graduates in his address, "You will enjoy the reflected glory during your career, that growing reputation of IUP, as it helps you get jobs with its prestige and growing buzz."

Cook's career was as "a serial entrepreneur" in computer software. He lives in St. Helena, Calif., where he and his

wife, Paula Brooks, planted and now manage the Dancing Hares Winery. In late August, he'll be back in Altoona for a high school reunion and also plans to attend a reunion of his college fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, in the fall.

The text of Bob Cook's May Commencement address and more information about the Robert E. Cook Honors College appear on the Web at www.iup.edu/honors/cookaddress.

Bob Cook Talks to Readers

I gave the commencement address this year and was around Indiana for ten days or so, the longest time I've spent there in decades. There were many who took the time to say "Thank you" for my efforts at IUP and the Cook Honors College (CHC). (You've got to love that catchy name.) At Commencement, I made the assertion that IUP now has our nation's best value in academic education for students from families of modest financial means. That is perhaps an outrageous assertion, but it's true.

My remarks are on the CHC website at www.iup.edu/honors/cookaddress. Poke around the site; we have tried to make it easy to navigate. The recruiting and the publicity for the CHC, and for IUP as our parent, are being moved largely onto the Web to attract a larger, broader audience for recruiting and for philanthropy. We are rebranding the site to make that easier.

Many have asked for ways to help out with what we have been doing at the CHC, often with the caveat of limited personal funds.

Lately, we all have more limited funds, but it doesn't take a lot to make a difference, and it is not just about the money. What, therefore, should *IUP Magazine* readers do to help out?

As background, the CHC is demonstrably one spectacular place for kids with serious academic talent and little money to exploit it. For example, our only finalist for a Rhodes scholarship is the child of two high school teachers. We IUP alumni know about how much teachers are paid. There is a section on big scholarships awarded to CHC students on the website and a piece by the director of the CHC, who does a spectacular job, on her experience with three daughters applying and going to college. There are depth and texture within the website for decision making and much descriptive food for

thought. We endeavor to make the operation of the CHC fully transparent for anyone with a brain, and we express opinions about why the CHC succeeds.

First, send us every smart kid you know to be interviewed and to consider applying to the CHC. By smart kids, I mean those who love scholarly pursuits; they love to read, to argue, and they have done very well in high school. We particularly like those special kids who

can't afford Harvard but might get in if they applied. We are only as good as the students we admit to the CHC and IUP.

If readers want to give money, it doesn't take much to make a difference. The biggest need at the CHC is for Achievement Money, which is the term used for financial support for study abroad, internships, and other broadening experiences that tend to make our students better, more catholic thinkers. At IUP broadly, the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex needs readers' support to help fully fund this important capital project.

I gave some more money this year to IUP and the CHC to be used mostly for Achievement funds. I spend \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year for each student who is awarded Achievement Money; it adds up to about \$200,000 per year. From each of these students, I get a letter, telling me what they have done with the money and how it has impacted them. I read every letter and find them unusually satisfying, and often quite moving. You might find the same thing, or better, for \$5,000 given once, or more often.

It occurs to me often that I have never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse. 🐾

— Bob Cook '64



Mike Sherry at the Miracle Field



 **WEB EXCLUSIVE**

Everybody Gets to Play

BY BRUCE DRIES


When Mike Sherry '90 first visited a Miracle League Field in Alabama with his wife and son, he was moved by the sight of disabled children happily playing baseball on a field designed specifically for special needs children. In 2007, after his three-year-old daughter, Jordan, was diagnosed with autism, Sherry decided to bring the Miracle League to Pittsburgh. This past May, as president of the Miracle League of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Sherry was nothing but smiles as the Miracle Field officially opened in Cranberry Township, just north of the city.

The Miracle League baseball field is the first of its kind in the Pittsburgh area, although more than a hundred already exist across the country. Its surface allows children in wheelchairs and walkers to move easily. The field has a concession stand, dugouts, bathrooms, lights, and a pavilion. It allows disabled children to play organized games with volunteers who assist them, and those who built it want to serve as many as possible of southwestern Pennsylvania's estimated 90,000 disabled children.

With community support, including help from the Pirates Charities (the philanthropic

arm of the Pittsburgh Pirates) and Pirates second baseman Freddy Sanchez, more than \$300,000 was raised to construct the field. Sherry wants to raise an additional \$200,000 to place in an escrow fund for future repairs and upkeep.

For his efforts, Sherry received the 2008 ACHIEVA Excellence in Community Inclusion Award, presented by the ACHIEVA family of philanthropies in honor of his work and dedication on behalf of people with disabilities.

Read more of the story behind the Miracle Field in the Web Exclusive at www.iup.edu/magazine. 

● **RIGHT:** For several years before Elaine Light moved away from Punxsutawney, she and her husband spent part of their time in the Pittsburgh condominium where she makes her home today. *Pittsburgh Press* photographer Bill Wade took this shot in her kitchen to accompany a 1985 newspaper feature. **BELOW:** Elaine Light, photographed recently in her Pittsburgh condominium



Keith Boyer

By Karen Gresh

There was a war on, and that fact contributed to Elaine Kahn's being named the first woman sports editor of the *Pitt News*. Along with the title came a seat in Pitt Stadium's press box—a seat she was the first woman to occupy.

When she graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1944, she was among a handful of women hired by the Associated Press. For the next few years, she covered, from afar, a recurring story: the Punxsutawney groundhog's forecasts of more winter weather or an early spring.

In 1950, though, the groundhog festivities were out of the ordinary. First, there was a premiere of *When Willie Comes Marching Home* at a Punxsutawney movie theater, followed a few days later by an appearance of

the film's star, Colleen Townsend, at Presbyterian Church services. Dispatched to Punxsutawney by the AP to cover a rumored career switch on the part of Townsend, Elaine Kahn later wrote, "The climax to Ms. Townsend's visit came when she addressed the congregation and explained her reasons for giving up Hollywood for God."

Before she left town, Elaine Kahn made the acquaintance of the Groundhog Club president, Frank Lorenzo. He, in turn, introduced her to his bachelor friend, Sam Light. Seven months later, Elaine Kahn became Elaine Light and left Pittsburgh for Punxsutawney.

She stayed for forty-one years.

Light and her husband raised two daughters. Light learned to cook, relying heavily on

a copy of *Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book* she bought at Horne's. (It's still a favorite of hers today.)

Sam Light became president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1952. A few years later, his wife began turning the groundhog story into a series of cookbooks with titles like *Cooking with the Groundhog* and four editions and eight printings of *Gourmets and Groundhogs*. Proceeds from sales of the books benefited community organizations. She was also instrumental in creating groundhog-shaped cookie cutters—manufactured, she said, “so people would have something to serve on Groundhog Day.”

Two decades after her arrival in Punxsutawney, Elaine Light started writing a weekly column for the *Punxsutawney Spirit*. When the newspaper's editors offered her a columnist's spot, they cited, she later said, “my strong sense of indignation.” (An entertaining collection of her columns published by the Spirit Publishing Company in 1982 and called *People Who Love Groundhogs* shows little in the way of indignation.)

Beginning in 1963, Light served on the Punxsutawney Area College Trust and became president of its board. For more than twenty years, she was also a mainstay of the Planning and Zoning Commission. In 1990, she was among those who cut the ribbon at the dedication of the IUP Culinary School at Punxsutawney.

According to remarks that appeared in the *Indiana Gazette* on that occasion, Light called the school “a culmination of a three-year effort by members of the Punxsutawney Area College Trust, the community, IUP, and our elected representatives. It is a triumph of those who worked to establish the Punxsutawney branch of IUP in 1962, to promote and keep it here, and to find a new purpose to help it grow.”

In 1991, Light was the main speaker at the Culinary School's first graduation ceremonies, held in the auditorium of Punxsutawney Area Junior High School. She was a stand-in, since the scheduled speaker, Jack Braun, had been in a traffic accident earlier in the day. Even more tragic, the death of the school's director, Chef James Mitchell, only hours before, was also announced.

Around this time, Elaine Light moved back to Pittsburgh. Her husband, Sam, had

died in 1983. Before his death, in their last, long-term project together, the couple had worked on establishing the Punxsutawney Civic Center and Borough Building. Designed by Tasso Katselas, the facility includes a library and groundhog zoo.

Settled for the last two decades in a sunny, spacious condominium with a view of Mellon Arena, Light has been a freelance food writer for the *Pittsburgh Press* and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and has conducted food-related courses for Carnegie-Mellon's adult education program. In travel throughout the world, she has pursued her food interests in many countries. (“In Thailand,” she said, “everyone else went to Phuket. I went to cooking classes.”)

Over her lifetime, Light has studied with such culinary superstars as Julia Child, Jacques Pepin, Madeleine Kamman, and Giuliano Bugialli. Now, through a gift she made in memory of her late husband, Elaine Light has contributed to the future of Punxsutawney and of culinary education.

This past March, the IUP Council of Trustees approved naming a new facility in Punxsutawney's Fairman Centre the Samuel R. and Elaine K. Light Culinary Library. In addition to her monetary gift, Light is donating her collection of cookbooks to the library, including many autographed by culinary superstars like Julia Child. A mid-September ribbon cutting is scheduled for the centre, located along Mahoning Street in the former J. B. Eberhart Building.

The centre is named for the Alan and Roy Fairman families in honor of their \$1.9-million gift. It will have retail space on the first floor and residential space and classrooms for students in IUP's Academy of Culinary Arts on the second and third floors. Total costs for the three-year renovation of the 25,000-square-foot building are estimated at \$4.7 million.

Even though her husband led the Groundhog Club for nearly a quarter-century and she herself is a lifetime member, Elaine Light said she “wanted to give Punxsutawney something beyond the groundhog.”

“A town can't live without being tied to something,” she said. “The boom time for Punxsutawney was in the nineteenth century—the time when the Eberhart Building was built. It couldn't go on forever using up natural resources. We had to look to the future.” 🐾

GROUNDHOG COOKIES

2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 cup soft butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1 egg yolk
1 egg, slightly beaten
Currants or raisins



Sift together first seven ingredients. Set aside. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Blend in molasses and yolk. Stir in flour mixture and mix well. Form into a ball.

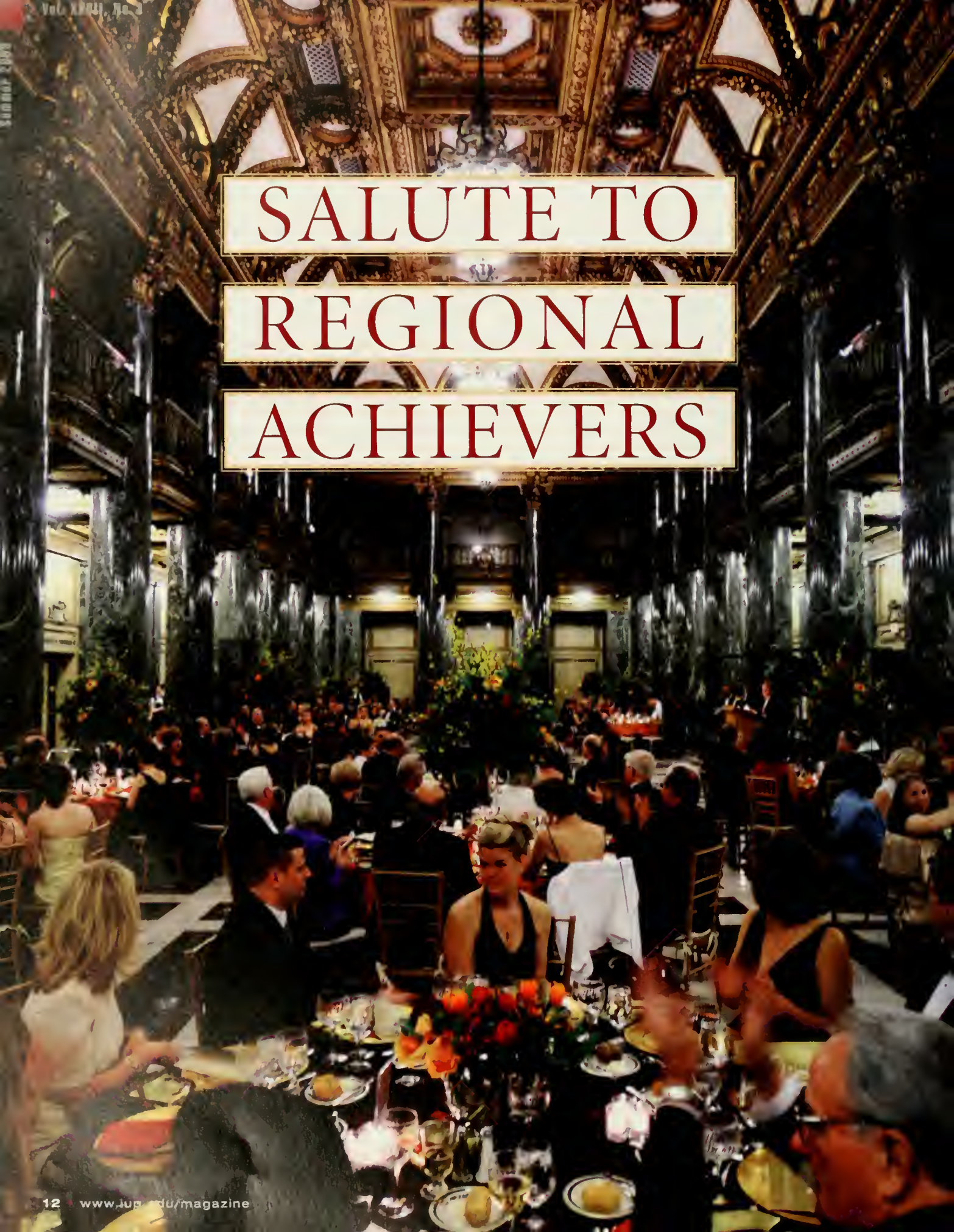
Wrap in plastic wrap. Chill overnight or for several nights or freeze.

Place small amounts of dough on a sheet of plastic wrap, and cover with plastic wrap. Roll 1/8 inch thick. Cut out cookies with lightly floured cutter.* Keep remaining dough chilled.

Place cookies on greased baking sheet. Brush with slightly beaten egg. Decorate with currants or raisin eyes. Repeat until all dough is used.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes in a preheated 350-degree oven. Cool slightly before removing from cookie sheet. Makes 72 or more medium-sized groundhogs.

* Groundhog cookie cutters in three sizes are available from the Punxsutawney Area Chamber of Commerce in Punxsutawney Phil's Official Souvenir Shop. The shop is accessible on the Web at www.groundhogstuff.com or by calling 800-752-7445 and pressing extension 4 for the souvenir shop.



SALUTE TO REGIONAL ACHIEVERS

● LEFT Gala guests in the Carnegie Music Hall Foyer. RIGHT: Master of ceremonies and honorary event chairman Jack Wagner with former Pittsburgh Mayor Sophie Masloff

IUP celebrated its second annual Legacy Gala in April at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Music Hall Foyer. Alumni and friends of the university gathered to honor recipients of the Presidential Legacy Awards for Civic Service, Alumni Distinction, and Philanthropy.

The event generated \$100,000, with net proceeds to benefit the University Fund for Academic Excellence. Pennsylvania Auditor General Jack Wagner '74 was master of ceremonies and honorary event chairman.

University President Tony Atwater presented the Presidential Legacy Award for Civic Service to Bill Strickland, president and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation and its subsidiaries, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center. Strickland is the author of *Make the Impossible Possible: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger and Achieve the Extraordinary*. The book has been selected as IUP's 2009-2010 Common Freshman Reader.

Lynette Singel Horrell '84 accepted the Presidential Legacy Award for Alumni Distinction. She is managing partner, Pittsburgh Office, Ernst & Young.

The Presidential Legacy Award for Philanthropy was given to George D. Zamias, Sr., and Marianna Zamias, the founders of George D. Zamias Developer. The Zamias family was represented at the gala by Stephen Zamias.

Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., was the evening's underwriting sponsor, and Massaro Corporation was a patron sponsor. Contributing sponsors included Lorna Milkovich Abernathy '83 and Justin Abernathy; Allen & O'Hara Development Company, LLC; Ernst & Young, LLP; First Commonwealth; Quintech and G. Daniel Prushnok '76, president of the Foundation for IUP; and Wharton Business Group. Many companies, associations, and individuals supplied items for the gala's auction. ~



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● Left to right Stephen Zamias, representing the Zamias family Bill Strickland Lynette Singel Horrell, and President Tony Atwater



mentors AND awards



● Gian Pagnucci

At the beginning of May, **Gian Pagnucci's** selection as IUP's University Professor for 2009-2010 was announced. According to Provost Gerald Intemann, "The University Professor is an individual who exemplifies excellence in all areas of teaching, research, scholarly activities, and service. Dr. Pagnucci has a documented record of dedication to IUP's teacher-scholar model." The interim chair of the Department of English, Pagnucci has been an IUP faculty member since 1995.

Last year, he received the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology from the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning and Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. He is the author of three books and has written and published a number of creative, nonfiction pieces about his Italian-American childhood.

In 1999, the IUP Center for Teaching Excellence gave Pagnucci its Teaching Excellence Award. He has edited two journal collections, has published sixteen articles and book chapters on the best ways to teach writing—particularly writing in the digital age, and has made more than forty national and international presentations on the subject. The holder of a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Pagnucci will receive a \$5,000 grant through the Foundation for IUP to support his research activities. He plans to launch a Digital English Teaching Project and, ultimately, to publish a book on teaching English through the use of such social media technologies as blogs, wikis, Facebook, and Second Life.

An IUP faculty member since 1991, **Faye Bradwick** was recognized as a 2009 Notable Woman by the Indiana branch of the American Association of University Women. She teaches accounting courses in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology and has been engaged in public service since her years in Washington, D.C. Bradwick has a master's degree from Georgetown University and a J.D. degree from Syracuse University.

George Stouffer, for whom IUP's Stouffer Hall is named, died in May in Charlottesville, Va., at the age of ninety-seven. He became a faculty member at Indiana State Teachers College in 1955 and also served as director of the Psychological Clinic. Later, he was appointed assistant dean of instruction, dean of Undergraduate Studies, and dean of IUP's School of Education—the position he held at the time of his retirement in 1976. Preceded in death by his wife, he is survived by four children.

Distinguished Faculty Award for Research

Presented to Abbas Ali, Department of Management

Distinguished Faculty Award for Service

Presented to J. B. Smith, Department of Health and Physical Education

Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching

Presented to David LaPorte, Department of Psychology

Commander's Award for Public Service

Presented at the ROTC spring event to President Tony Atwater. The award is among the highest honors the Army bestows on a civilian.

Presidential Legacy Award for Civic Service

Presented to Bill Strickland, president and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation and its subsidiaries, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center

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AWARDS TO STUDENTS

American Chemical Society fellowship, funded by U.S. Department of Energy

Six-week summer experience at Brookhaven National Laboratory awarded to Chemistry major Jennifer Beveridge, a member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College

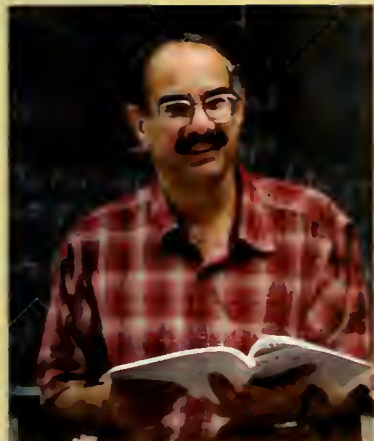
Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals Hermes Creative Gold Award

Presented to *Roadtrip IUP*, produced by Communications Media major Brandon Roudebush, who also won the Indiana Video, Animation, Movie, and Photography Award. Another of his video productions took a third-place award in Young Preservationists of Pittsburgh competition.

King's Excellence Award for Study Abroad Students

Presented to Cook Honors College student Laura Heiman by King's College London

● At the Undergraduate Scholars Forum in the spring, Kyrina Williams listened to Eddie Guzman's explanation. Guzman and Stephanie Kerr had collaborated on the poster "Leaders of Our Children: Dr. Seuss."



● Abbas Ali



● J B Smith



● David LaPorte





Sarah Romasco

By Bob Fulton

Photography by Keith Boyer

Most times, Sarah Romasco—a petite, 5-foot-2 blonde with angelic features and a high-pitched voice—seems as intimidating as a kitten.

But place a soccer ball at her feet and she becomes a tigress, fierce and formidable.

Romasco ranks second all-time at IUP in goals (57), assists (31), and points (145) and is poised to pass the record holder in those categories—former teammate Erin Falce—this season. *Early* this season, given her penchant for finding the back of the net.

“Sarah has a nose for the goal,” says Crimson Hawks coach Adel Heder. “She has that attacking mentality. Every time she gets

the ball, she turns and goes for the goal. She gets double- and triple-teamed, but somehow she finds her way to the goal and scores.”

The senior forward from Freedom passed Heder’s daughter Crystal into second place in all three scoring categories last year. She needs two goals, two assists, and six points to equal Falce’s totals, and could conceivably eclipse the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference records for goals (74) and points (178) with another blockbuster season.

What boggles the mind, given her 123-goal career at Ambridge High School, is that so many recruiters passed on Romasco,

swayed more by her stature than her stats. Even after arriving at IUP, opponents underestimated the undersized Romasco, who looked like she'd wandered away from a youth league game and mistakenly wound up in a collegiate one.

But any doubts about whether Romasco belonged vanished when she began drilling shots past wide-eyed goalkeepers. Romasco led the conference in points (55) as a freshman, tied for the lead in goals (21), set a school record for assists (13), and earned Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year honors.

"It's funny, because in the PSAC you play every team twice," she says. "The first time we played teams, they would mark Crystal and Erin, which is understandable, and then they'd look at me and it was like, whatever. But the second time we played them, I was man-marked."

The freshman who initially flew under everyone's radar began attracting more attention than Angelina Jolie at a Hollywood premiere. Defenders stuck to her like glue, yet she still ranked eighth in NCAA Division II in points per game (2.62), earned the first of her three All-PSAC West first-team honors, and helped lead IUP to the PSAC West championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament. It was a virtuoso performance, particularly for a newcomer.

"To be able to go into your freshman year and have that big of an impact...that's really unusual," says Romasco's brother Kevin, an assistant coach at Ambridge during her senior season there and later a defender/midfielder with the Pittsburgh

Riverhounds professional team. "For most people, their freshman year is all about getting used to college play. It's a lot quicker than high school play, and you're not going against girls that just want to be out there—these are girls with scholarships. It's kind of the best of the best. And she went out there and made a statement."

A statement that merited an exclamation point at the end. Romasco set the tone in her third game with three goals and an assist in a 9-3 victory over Bridgeport, then netted four goals—equaling Falce's single-game record—in a 10-1 rout of Clarion. She had a hand in a whopping 44 percent of IUP's goals for the season.

That sort of offensive explosiveness surprised some around the PSAC, but not Heder. He'd coached Romasco since 2000, when she debuted for the Pittsburgh Strikers 12-and-under club team.

"When I first saw her, she was really small," Heder recalls, "but she was an amazing soccer player. When I saw how she handled the ball, I knew she had the talent to do something special in soccer."

Romasco still leaves opponents lunging at air as she dribbles through traffic. That's when standing only 5-2 actually works to her advantage.

"I have a lower center of gravity," Romasco says, "so I'm very good at shielding the ball from defenders. I can maybe maneuver better, too. I can use my quickness to get around people, and I look toward the goal and just go."

Forays deep into enemy territory are often accompanied by hip checks, kicks to the ankle, trips, and the occasional elbow,

but Romasco is able to shake off defenders' attempts to neutralize her. For that she can thank Kevin and her other older brother, Brian. Whether it was soccer, football, or basketball, they refused to treat their kid sister with kid gloves during pickup games in which contact was not only condoned, but expected. Their physical brand of play infused Romasco with a degree of toughness that has served her well.

"When I was younger, if my brothers went anywhere, I would always tag along," she says. "I always wanted to do what they did. Playing sports with them made me tough. There was no crying around them, no whining. So I learned to be tough and stick it out."

Opposing goalkeepers are now paying the price. The player passed over by so many recruiters because of her height will almost certainly end her IUP career as the program's preeminent scorer and possibly finish atop the PSAC charts as well. Heady stuff for someone who wasn't convinced she had the goods to succeed.

"I didn't know what to expect at the collegiate level—what it would take to play, and if I even had what it took," Romasco says. "I didn't even know if I was going to start or not. I just tried to go out and do my best all the time. But I never expected to be in this position."

Not even Nostradamus could have foreseen this. Sarah Romasco, with her petite stature and angelic features, might seem as intimidating as a kitten. But with a ball at her feet, as so many opponents have discovered, she's as fierce as a tigress, poised to pounce. 🐾

IUP CAREER LEADERS

Goals

- 59 Erin Falce (2003-06)
- 57 **Sarah Romasco (2006-)**
- 42 Crystal Heder (2003-06)
- 36 Amy Peterson (1994-95)
- 29 Tia Kipp (1999-2002)
- 28 Denise Lazor (1995-99)
- 26 Liz Campedel (1995-98)
- 25 Brittany Pikur (2004-07)
- 20 Ray Schreiner (2006-07)
- 14 Three tied

Assists

- 33 Erin Falce (2003-06)
- 31 **Sarah Romasco (2006-)**
- 28 Crystal Heder (2003-06)
- 25 Lindsey Tyberg (1994-97)
- 25 Tia Kipp (1999-2002)
- 16 Shana Speese (2004-06)
- 15 Brittany Pikur (2004-07)
- 13 Cara Roeder (2002-04)
- 13 Emily Thomas (2003-04)
- 13 Meghan Jones (2002-05)

Points*

- 151 Erin Falce (2003-06)
- 145 **Sarah Romasco (2006-)**
- 112 Crystal Heder (2003-06)
- 83 Tia Kipp (1999-2002)
- 81 Amy Peterson (1994-95)
- 66 Denise Lazor (1995-99)
- 65 Brittany Pikur (2004-07)
- 55 Liz Campedel (1995-98)
- 46 Ray Schreiner (2006-07)
- 45 Lindsey Tyberg (1994-97)

*two points are awarded for each goal and one for each assist





name droppers

By Mike Hoffman

As the final holes of the NCAA golf tournament at the Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine, Wash., approached, **Gavin Smith** found himself in the clubhouse tied for second place, three shots behind leader Gene Webster of Cal State San Bernardino. Although Smith had enjoyed an outstanding four rounds, it appeared his efforts would land him just shy of the national championship.

But Webster proceeded to double bogey the sixteenth and eighteenth holes, dropping him out of the lead and putting Smith in a playoff with Ferris State's Kelbi Lee. After Lee just missed his putt on the first extra hole, Smith calmly drained a twenty-footer from just off the green to become IUP's first NCAA golf champion and only the second national golf champion in school history. (**Rick Hrip '68** won the NAIA championship in 1968.)

Smith's win was the first for a golfer from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and only the fifth for a player from a northern school in the forty-seven-year history of the event. His win earned him first-team All-America honors and the Arnold Palmer Award presented by Callaway to the Division II individual medalist.

Smith's heroics helped the Crimson Hawks finish in twelfth place in the team standings, matching the 1993 squad for the best team finish in sixteen years under head coach Fred Joseph.

Smith wasn't the only IUP athlete to bring home top honors during the spring. **Nafee Harris** became the twelfth national



Gavin Smith

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champion in IUP track and field history and the first in a jumping event when he took first place in the long jump at the NCAA meet held in San Angelo, Tex.

Harris moved up from second to first on his final attempt of the competition, leaping a school-record 26 feet, 1 3/4 inches, more than two inches farther than anyone else in the meet. Combined with a win in the 800 meters by **Sean Strauman '08**, **M'09** a year ago, IUP has claimed individual national titles in track and field in consecutive seasons for the first time since the 2001 and 2002 campaigns.

Harris was part of an All-America team in the 4x100-meter relay, teaming with **Hopeton Bailey**, **Tristan Taylor**, and **Kevin Raymond** in taking eighth place. Raymond was also fifth in the 400 meters, **Maddy Outman** finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles, and

Tiffany Corle placed eighth in the javelin to each earn All-America accolades.

For Raymond and Outman, it marked the first time IUP has had an All-American in those events. Corle, who was seeded sixteenth in the javelin entering the meet, became the fifth IUP woman to achieve All-America status in the event and first since **Heidi Miller Maxwell '96** in 1995.

Outman was also named the Most Outstanding Overall Athlete at the PSAC outdoor meet after receiving the same award at the conference indoor championships. At the outdoor meet she won the heptathlon and 100-meter hurdles and helped IUP tie a school record with ten event titles.

More than forty IUP athletes were honored at the university's annual athletics award dinner in April at Folger Hall's Crimson Event Center. Headlining the evening were the selection of baseball player **Ryan Mostyn '09** and women's basketball player **Kylie Miller '09** as the Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Mostyn graduated in May with a 3.92 grade point average and a major in business marketing. He received the PSAC Top 10 award for combined athletic and academic excellence, served as a two-time team captain, and attended the 2008 NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Development Conference in Orlando.

On the field, Mostyn played in a school-record 172 games and enjoyed his finest season in 2008, when he batted .313 with nine doubles, four triples, five home runs, twenty-nine runs scored, and thirty RBIs in helping the Crimson Hawks reach the PSAC playoffs for the first time in ten years.

Miller, an elementary education major, recorded a 3.85 grade point average at IUP and completed her degree with her student teaching assignment at East Pike Elementary School in Indiana during the spring semester. She helped lead the Crimson Hawks to three consecutive PSAC championships and three berths in the NCAA tournament, including a trip to the East Region final in 2007.

A two-time team captain, Miller reached the 1,000-point plateau in the next-to-last game of the season and also finished her career ranked fourth in 3-point field goals made with 101, eighth in steals with 203, and tenth in assists with 303.

She was actively involved in many community service events, including a lead role with the Susan G. Komen Shoot for the Cure Classic that donated over \$42,000 for breast cancer research over the past four years.

Miller was joined by fellow seniors **Jahzinga Tracey '09** and **Staci Heberling '09** in leading IUP to an unprecedented four-year run in women's basketball. The trio combined for more than 4,000 points and ninety-six wins in 125 games in their careers.

Tracey received most of the postseason accolades, including a second-straight appearance on the Women's Basketball Coaches

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Association All-America team, a first for the IUP women's basketball program. She also received her second PSAC West Player of the Year and PSAC tournament Most Valuable Player awards and finished among the top players in conference history.

Tracey ranks sixth in the PSAC record book with 2,101 points, fourth in steals with 378, and eighth in rebounds with 1,092. Along with **Sherri Leysock Williams '91**, she is one of only two players in IUP women's basketball history with 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

The Crimson Hawks men's basketball team continued its ascent toward the top of the PSAC and Atlantic Region. IUP improved from six wins in 2006-07 to thirteen a year ago and increased that to twenty-two victories and a trip to the NCAA tournament during the 2008-09 campaign.

At the region tournament, the Crimson Hawks knocked off perennial Division II power Virginia Union, the 2005 Division II national champion, in the opening round. The team was rewarded with the selection of **Gerald Brooks** and **Darryl Webb** to the all-conference first team and **Julian Sanders** as the PSAC West Rookie of the Year—the third-straight IUP player to earn that award, following Brooks in 2007 and Webb in 2008.

Several other athletes received postseason awards during the spring. In baseball, **Colby Betz** was named to the All-PSAC West first team, and **T.J. Nichols** and **Paul Bingham** were chosen to the second team. Betz and Nichols were also tabbed to the Daktronics All-Atlantic Region squad, while **Shane Melhorn** received a Golden Glove award for fielding excellence from Rawlings and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Marissa Leslie was recognized as the PSAC Central Softball

Rookie of the Year, the third IUP player to receive the award in the past six years.

Alex Daughenbaugh and **Megan McCormick** were on the all-conference first team, and Leslie, **Sam Goettman**, and **Erin Holloway** were on the second team. Daughenbaugh was also chosen as a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Atlantic Region team, and **Kristen Tunno** earned the same honor from Daktronics.

IUP athletes are known for their successes in competition and in the classroom, but they achieved a different type of distinction in April when they joined forces to grow the national bone marrow registry, a list that is used to match donors with patients who need treatment for leukemia. The drive was spearheaded by **Jim Smith '98**, the offensive coordinator for the IUP football team, and nearly half of the almost four hundred Crimson Hawk athletes showed up at Memorial Field House to fill out an information form and allow a swab sample to be taken from their mouth. If they are suitable donors, they will be put on the registry and possibly called if they are a match.

The 2008-09 track and field season was the final one for longtime head coach **Ed Fry**, who announced his intention to retire earlier in the year. Fry has been at IUP for more than four decades as men's cross country and track and field coach and was at the forefront of the addition of women's programs in both sports thirty years ago.

He was a four-time PSAC Coach of the Year in cross country, and his influence can be seen in the number of his athletes who have been inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame, a total that is at ten, with many more to follow in the coming years. In his honor, IUP's annual home track and field meet was renamed the

Ed Fry Invitational.

Robert "Doc" Raemore, Fry's assistant coach for several seasons, was in the news in February when he was elected to the Pennsylvania High School Track and Field Hall of Fame. Raemore, who also has a highly successful dentistry practice in Indiana, won five PIAA titles during his prep career at Williamsport High School, including victories in the 100, 220, and 440 dashes as a senior in 1958.

It is the goal of every track and field coach to see his or her athletes succeed and win championships. Fry and Raemore have experienced that on many occasions, and IUP graduate **Mike Woodward '00** learned how it feels in May when the Carlisle High School jumps coach tutored Ashley Corum to the PIAA Class AAA title in the triple jump.

Two former IUP coaches, **Jack Henry '69** and **Tom Kennedy**, were inducted into the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame in May. Henry played on the legendary Boardwalk Bowl team of 1968 and helped the Indians win seventeen of nineteen games in his two seasons after transferring from Penn State. After graduating he has been an offensive line coach at ten universities, including IUP between 1986 and 1990, and four NFL teams, including a stint with the Steelers.

Kennedy was a fixture on the diamond at IUP and Indiana County for the better part of three decades. He was a volunteer assistant baseball coach at IUP for seventeen seasons and was the head coach from 1997 to 2005, winning 149 games while overseeing the transition to Owen Dougherty Field on the university's South Campus.

Tim Buffone '02 and **Laura Hall '03, M'05** were selected for inclusion in the Armstrong Hall of Fame in April. Buffone was a member of the IUP football team and earned first-team All-PSAC

West honors as a nose tackle three times. He went on to play two seasons with the Ohio Valley Greyhounds of the now-defunct National Indoor Football League and was on league championship and all-conference teams both years.

Hall is the most decorated player in the history of the IUP volleyball program. She was a three-time PSAC West Player of the Year, twice named to the Division II All-America team, and was the national Scholar-Athlete of the Year for volleyball following her senior season. She led IUP to the 2002 PSAC title when the Indians won thirty-three of thirty-seven matches and were the No. 1 seed and host team for the NCAA regional tournament. Hall is currently a reading specialist at Shannock Valley Elementary School and an assistant volleyball coach at West Shamokin High School.

Buffone and Hall were joined in the Armstrong Hall of Fame by **Steve Aungst '92**, who transferred to IUP from Pitt and was a reserve defensive back and special teams player during the 1991 season. Aungst moved on to chiropractic school in South Carolina and owns his own practice, Back To Wellness, in Powell, Tenn. 🐾



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all about alumni

There are many ways for IUP alumni to stay connected with the university—up close and personal or on line.

● FULL OF QUESTIONS:

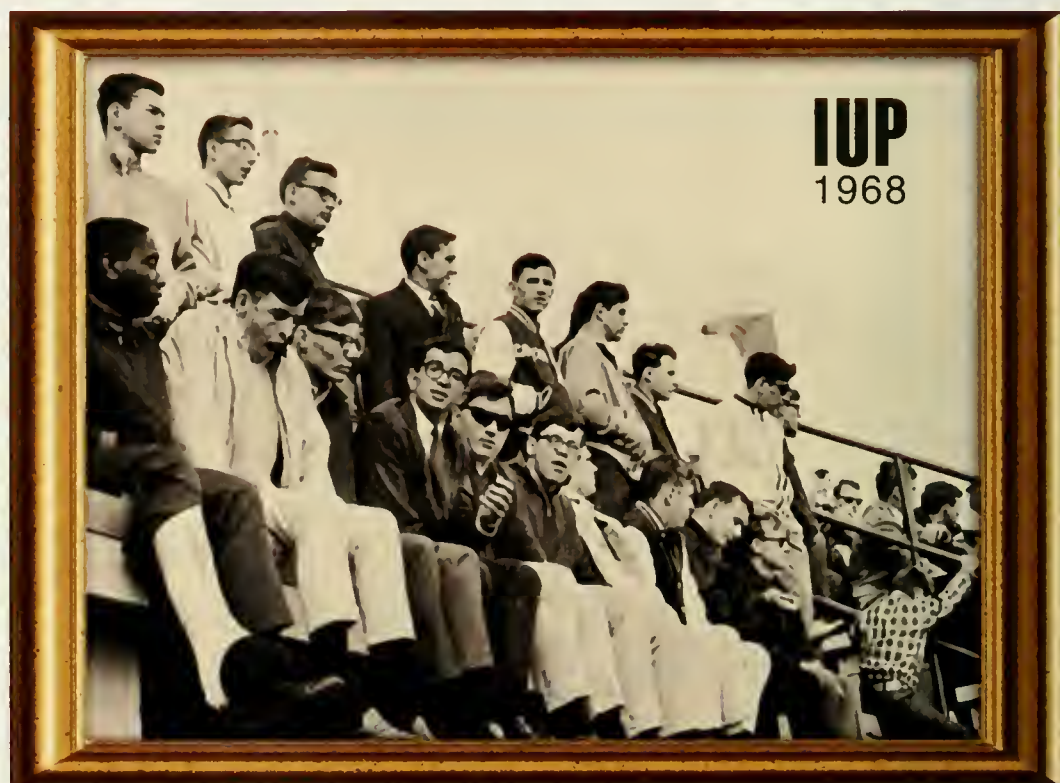
Harrison Wick in the University Archives supplied this photo from the 1968 *Oak*. Taken, apparently, at a Miller Stadium football game, it offers all sorts of puzzlers: Who are these guys? How did the one on the left break his ankle/leg? How did he get onto the ledge in the first place? Why is the fellow next to him so tired? If you have answers, let us know. If you have photographs, scrapbooks, or memorabilia you would like to donate, contact Wick at the University Archives in Stapleton Library at 724-357-3039 or hwick@iup.edu.

● 1940s

Jean Morlach Patrick '40 recently lost her sixty-seven-year-old daughter to Parkinson's disease. At ninety-six, Jean still drives and volunteers at three locations in Tampa's John Knox Village, where she lives. A retired elementary school principal, she says she still takes classes at the University of South Florida. She reports there are two other IUP graduates at John Knox, and she recently had a visit from her roommate in the thirties, Jane Pitetti Mudrak '36.

● 1950s

Take a tour of Breezedale by way of a Web Exclusive on the *IUP Magazine* website. On the second floor of the interactive



map, you'll find a room restored to Victorian beauty through the generosity of Shirley Ullom Filcik '53.

● WEB EXCLUSIVE

Since his 1992 retirement from Illinois State University, Barry Moore '55 has circulated international child art exhibits to more than fifty locations throughout the U.S. He notes that the support of ISU's University Library and the grant it secured have dramatically increased the visibility and accessibility of the International

Collection of Child Art, which he curates. Barry identified the location of the photo on page 21 of *IUP Magazine's* Spring issue as the foyer of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity house at 1070 Grant Street. The house overlooked the football field; neither is still there. Instead, Putt and Delaney halls house students on the site.

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has granted chancellor emeritus status to James McCormick '59, who served as chancellor for the first eighteen years of the State

System's existence. He left in 2001 to become chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which he continues to serve. The State System has had only three chancellors in its twenty-six-year existence.

● 1960s

Frederick, Md., artist Marilyn Dickinson Henry '61 showed *Summertime*, a collection of oil paintings, watercolors, and drawings, at Frederick Cellars in May. She has exhibited in Annapolis, Baltimore, and

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Pittsburgh. Her cloud series paintings are especially striking, as are works that depict the views from atop Kennywood Park's rollercoasters.

The director of training and technical assistance for the Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C., **Larry Koziarz '62** has been appointed to the Board of Examiners for the Baldrige National Quality Program. The National Institute of Standards and Technology of the U.S. Department of

Commerce sponsors the program. A photo from Larry's appointment appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

ALUMNI EXTRA

Don Poling '62 and his wife, **Susan Hood Poling '62**, live in Monrovia, Md. A retired science teacher, Don has logged a lot of volunteer hours and recently, with his son, joined a faith-based, Volunteers in Mission group with other members who drive to Mississippi and

Louisiana to help repair hurricane-damaged homes. He challenges "fellow RVers" to join in this effort. Most locations, he says, have hook-ups or dorms where volunteers can stay, as well as well-organized leadership to provide material support. "Find a group and join this effort," Don says.

Mel Cochran '65 won his third Pennsylvania State Powerlifting meet in four years in March competition in Scranton. In the 65 to 69 age group,

he lifted 303 pounds in the squat, 243 pounds in the bench press, and 375 pounds in the deadlift (total weight: 921 pounds), setting new age-group records in each category. Mel was accompanied at the meet by his wife, **Jerri Bastl Cochran '64**.

Ellen Sylves Ruddock '66 was selected last spring as a 2009 Notable Woman by the Indiana Branch of the American Association of University Women. She has been extremely active in community affairs at the same



Left to right: Guy Wall, Frances Squires, Bill Swaigert, and Ruth Garvey-Nix. (Not pictured: Billy Long)

● IUP at IUS: Four faculty members and one administrator at Indiana University Southeast are IUP alumni. They get together for an occasional lunch, and four of the five appear in a photo printed here. In Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine is a fascinating look at the lives each has lived since IUP and how their paths have crossed and re-crossed. For example, Bill Swaigert '67 writes: "While attending IUP, I was an editor of the *Penn*. When I interviewed at IUS in 1990, I left campus with a copy of the *IUS Bulletin*.

Once offered the position for which I interviewed, I began reading the *Bulletin* carefully and was astonished when one name on the list of faculty jumped off the page: Guy O. Wall. No, it couldn't be, I thought. Not the Guy Wall that I knew so well at IUP. Yep, the same. Somehow we had both landed at another Indiana campus, but this time in New Albany, Ind." In addition to Bill and Guy ('67, M'71), the alumni represented are Frances Squires M'71, Ruth Garvey-Nix '80, and Billy Long D'98.

ALUMNI EXTRA



During a thirty-eight-year teaching career, **Janet Yotter Amenhauser '68** taught at almost every elementary grade level and in four states. When she retired in June 2008, her husband, Carl Amenhauser '67, established an elementary education scholarship in her honor at IUP. "Throughout Jan's career, I witnessed her ability to fill kids with an awe of learning and instill in them a desire to search out new things," Carl said. "The scholarship honors her career as a master teacher and provides a legacy of achievement for future teachers." Jan's conviction that learning should be fun brought her a number of awards and recognitions, especially in New Jersey. For example, her creation of a Hogwarts math club, based on the Harry Potter books, led her to receive the Frederick G. Hipp Foundation Award. She was also the recipient of a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary Mathematics—an honor that prompted New Jersey Governor James Florio to ask to be a guest reader in her first grade classroom. Now residents of Hidden Valley, Somerset County, Jan and Carl have a daughter and two grandsons.

Keith Boyer

time as she has built successful businesses. Currently, she is director of the Center for Family Business within IUP's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology.

Susan Girrell Kordish '68, M'92 is the first recipient of the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nutrition Services for Older Pennsylvanians from the commonwealth's Department of Aging. Secretary of Aging John Michael Hall presented the award to her in May. Susan is director of Planning and

Program Operations at the Clearfield Area Agency on Aging.

● 1970s

Gregory Gray '70 has been appointed chancellor of the Riverside (Calif.) Community College District, which comprises three colleges and more than forty thousand students.

Colonel (Retired) Stephen Abel '73 has been appointed by the president of Rutgers to serve on a newly established

Advisory Committee on Services for Student Veterans. He is also New Jersey's deputy commissioner for Veterans Affairs and lives just over the Delaware River in Washington Crossing, Pa.

After a forty-year career in education, **Fred Labutta M'73** has retired to enjoy a new career as a grandfather. His last post, which he assumed in 1996, was as principal of Rostraver Elementary School in Belle Vernon.

Michael Zugay '73 has been

named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Michael Baker Corporation, which has headquarters in Pittsburgh. He most recently served as senior vice president and chief financial officer of iGate Corporation.

California University of Pennsylvania faculty member **Gary DeLorenzo '74** received the Ben Bauman Award for Excellence at the forty-fifth annual International Association for Computer Information Systems conference last fall.

Ayn Van Dyke '72 is used to being summoned to help animals in all kinds of predicaments.

In March, she was called to the IUP campus on behalf of a young, female possum trapped in an eight-foot window well on the School Street side of Elkin Hall. What impressed Ayn, the driving force behind Kritter Kamp in Marion Center, was the patient and enthusiastic assistance rendered by students whose game of catch she interrupted. "All three were so nice," she said. Following Ayn's instructions, they managed to reach the possum, pick her up by the tail, and hold her at arm's length. Bundled into a carrier, she traveled to Kritter Kamp to be checked out and then released. "Possums are very misunderstood animals," Ayn said. Sometimes, she thinks, college students are, too, and she wanted to make sure that **Nick Coyne**, Hatfield; **Ian Valenzi**, Sewickley; and **Jeffrey Walker**, Ebensburg, got credit for their very good deed.



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Big Indians alumni swimmer **Jim Hoover '74** was the driving force behind a reunion swim meet in April at IUP's Memorial Field House pool. Jim's seventies-era teammates **Jim Devine '73**, **Dan Fritz '74**, **Erik Hangeland '77**, and **Dan McCuen '71** joined to challenge Crimson Hawks alumni and current senior swimmers. The "most experienced" swimmers were handicapped 20 seconds per 100 yards. Donors purchased more advantage by buying more seconds. In a supportive role were honorary coaches **Peggy McHenry Lepley Hermann '49** and **Susan Lepley Miller '72**, **M'76**, wife and daughter, respectively, of the late coach **Eugene Lepley M'60**. Jim Hoover said he would like to see this become an annual event. More information is at www.iup.edu/magazine in the Alumni Extra site, and alumni swimmers can also contact Jim Hoover at jimphoenix@aol.com or current Crimson Hawks coach Chris Villa at cvilla@iup.edu.

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The award recognizes faculty excellence and service. Before joining academia, Gary spent more than thirty years in manufacturing and banking. At IUP, he was Beta Lambda 260 in Theta Xi fraternity. More information and a photo appear in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Mary Ann Laychak Yurchisin '75, M'80 is a widow, retired, and lives in Warren County. Her oldest son, Adam, an Iraq veteran, is studying

accounting at IUP. Luke, her second son, and his wife, Brooke, have a two-year-old son, Cole; and Noah, Mary Ann's youngest, attends Defiance College in Ohio.

A freelance religion editor for the *Indiana Gazette*, **Michele Gresock Huey '76** earned a second-place honor for her Saturday columns in the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's 2008 Keystone Press Awards competition.

Tom Carnahan '77 died in May 2008 of advanced colorectal cancer, which he had been

battling more than six years. Despite that fact, his wife said "he continued to work every single day until the February before his death." According to **Kimberly Hunt Carnahan '77**, "Tom was a business major and used his IUP degree to the fullest. He was director of Systems Information and Services for Fairmont Supply Company (a CONSOL division) and was that increasingly rare person, in that he worked for FSC from the time of his graduation in 1977 until his death." An English teacher, Kim



100 MOST TRUSTWORTHY COMPANIES

Bill Wagner '75 is president and CEO of Northwest Bancorp, Inc., named in April by *Forbes.com* as one of "The 100 Most Trustworthy Companies." **Bill Harvey '88** is the company CFO. A company news release described the honor this way: "Of the approximately 12,000 public companies analyzed, Northwest ranked fifty-fourth and was one of only eleven financial institutions to make the list." These companies, *Forbes* said, "are at the other end of the spectrum from the beleaguered firms making many of today's headlines.... These companies do not play games with revenue and expense recognition, or with asset valuation." Founded in 1896, Northwest Bancorp has headquarters in Warren, Pa., holds assets of \$7 billion, and operates 168 community banking locations in four states. President Bill Wagner was executive in residence last fall at IUP's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology. More information about the *Forbes* survey is available at www.Forbes.com.

has four children and four dogs and lives in Washington, Pa.

Rich Kordell '78 of Millbury, Mass., and **Dave Troy '75** of Cleveland were the elder statesmen at the IUP ice hockey team alumni game in March at Indiana's S&T Bank Arena. More than thirty alumni players took part in an event that was followed by a celebration with their families, which included Dave's wife, **Daryl Yundt Troy '78**. Rich says both he and Dave continue to skate twice a week in men's hockey leagues. A photo is in the Reunion Updates section at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Karen Vincent Kos '79, whom alert readers will recall was the initial instigator of the magazine's Bill Allison quest,

sent a photo from Tucson depicting former residents of "The Oasis," a house on School Street. Participants in a recent reunion (the group's second) traveled from Pennsylvania, Colorado, Maryland, and Delaware. Another reunion is planned for 2011. The photo, at Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine, shows the following: **Gwen Lacoe Arnold '78**, **Brenda Royer Hughes '78**, **Donata Magnani Malone '79**, **Sherree McQuaide Wagner '78**, **Karen, Marta Tridico Urban '79**, and **Jayne Cramer Bahrenburg '85**.

ALUMNI EXTRA

Margie Sebak Yanchuk '79 has been selected to the federal government's Senior Executive Service as director, Division of Management and Performance,

in the office of Recovery Act Coordination at the Department of Health and Human Services. Associated with the federal government for more than a quarter-century, she lives in Bristow, Va., with her husband, Ed, with whom she is celebrating a thirtieth wedding anniversary this summer.

1980s

Gary Olson D'80 is the new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Idaho State University. A faculty member and administrator for nearly three decades, mostly at large research universities, he most recently served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Illinois State University.

At the Raleigh, N.C., wedding of **Pamela Pollack Rehbock '80** and her husband,

Jim, the guests included **Sharon Gass Pilker '79** and **Eric Pilker '79**.

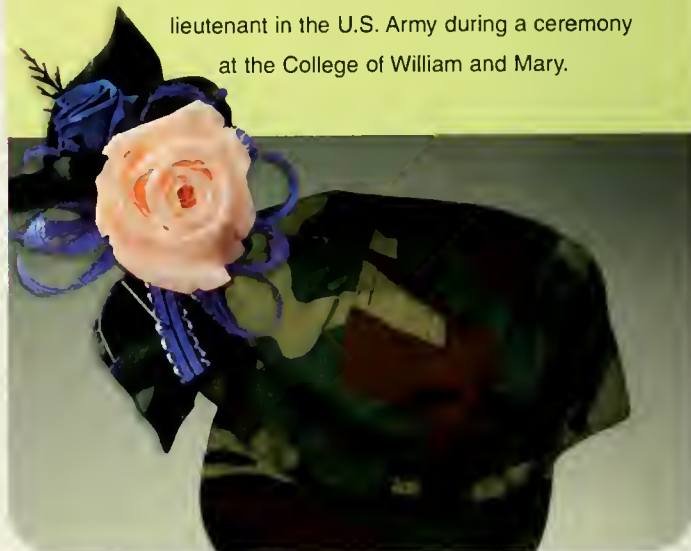
Pittsburgh-based VELOCITY Broadcasting has announced the appointment of **Ronald Skalski '80** as vice president of business development, Medical Device-Healthcare. He previously worked as area vice president of Biomet Orthopedics, Inc.

A photo in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine shows four National Drowning Prevention Alliance board members who are all IUP alumni. This distinction was noted at the alliance's 2009 symposium in Miami, attended by **Kim Tyson '80**, **Mary Ann Downing '82**, **Bob Ogoreuc '89**, and **Tomas LeClerc M'97**. More information about each of them appears on the magazine website.

ALUMNI EXTRA

At the ROTC Warrior Battalion Spring Formal in April,

Leslie Miller Purser '80 was a special guest and featured speaker. A military intelligence officer and commander of the Military Intelligence Readiness Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., she is the first female brigadier general in the ranks of IUP alumni. Leslie graduated from Towanda (Pa.) High School and last November was her hometown's Veterans Day speaker. The day before Mother's Day this year, she had the honor of commissioning her daughter, Jennifer Purser, as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during a ceremony at the College of William and Mary.



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Donna Henning Henry '82, M'83 and her husband, **Gary Henry '82**, got to watch their daughter, **Allison Henry '09**, graduate from IUP in May with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Donna said she made Allison a scrapbook for the occasion, and it was nostalgic to see photos of Lawrence Hall (where she and Gary lived freshman year) and Shafer Hall (where Allison lived), since both buildings were facing demolition.

Jennifer Lamendola Covello '84 has published *My Life...A Chronicle of the Journey*, a keepsake book for children birth to five years old that gives parents a means to create the story of their child's life. A recent winner of the Living Now Book Award bronze medal, the book may be purchased through www.frittabello.com. Jennifer

lives in Norwalk, Conn. More information about her appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Mark Parrish '85, '93 was chosen as the first artist to paint a statue for the Morley's Dog Public Art Project in Johnstown. The project involves reproducing the city's beloved lawn ornament in a life-size, fiberglass form and placing the dogs at strategic locations throughout downtown Johnstown and its suburbs.

Bruce Weinstein '85 has joined RBC Wealth Management as a senior vice president in Princeton, N.J., where he services clients' investment and financial planning needs. Bruce lives in Kendall Park with his wife,

Robyn, and three children.

A recent promotion made **Lucy Widdowson Wood '85, M'07** lead technical instructor for First Commonwealth Financial Corporation in Indiana, Pa. She feels her IUP graduate degree in Adult Education and Communications Technology contributed to her advancement since becoming an instructor in 2005.

Timothy Warner '86 has joined the Cleveland law firm of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin & Frutkin. A photo and more information appear in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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● 1990s

Last year was big for **Lisa Hilf Lloyd '90**, as the California, Md., health and physical education

teacher achieved national board certification and also won the Simon McNeely award from the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. She teaches in the St. Mary's County Public Schools.

For the second year in a row, Hershey (Pa.) Lodge beverage manager **Karl McCall '91** was chosen as one of the top 100 American mixologists by Grand Marnier. He expected to return to the Grand Marnier Mixology Summit in April in Vail, Colo. Photos and more information appear in the Alumni Extra site at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Last spring, **Celine Kandala D'91** taught a course in the collaborative program of the Community College of Allegheny County and IUP. "My CCAC/IUP students had pen pals from a

Sam Phillips '91, his brother, **Ralph Phillips**, and the board of the **Lora Phillips Foundation Trust** endowed a college scholarship at IUP, making a presentation of a \$15,000 gift to President Tony Atwater at the Legacy Gala in Pittsburgh on April 4. The scholarship is in memory of Sam and Ralph's sister, **Lora**, who was killed in a 1987 traffic accident. A Penn State New Kensington student at the time of her death, she was planning to transfer to IUP for her junior year. Each year, the foundation and family hold several fund-raising events to benefit the Lora Phillips Foundation and its scholarships at Penn State and IUP—including two Battles of the Bands at Penn State, a golf outing in the Indiana area, and a classic car and motorcycle rally in the New Kensington area (scheduled this year for October 3 at Woodpeckers Grill in Upper Burrell). Sam is interim assistant vice president for Administration and Finance at IUP, and Ralph is president of Kensington Financial Services, Inc., Lower Burrell. More information appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.



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third-grade class in Murrys ville," she said. "This authentic experience provided the 'big' and 'little' students with a wonderful experience." Celine has written an article called "Advice to Teachers: Third-Graders Respond."

On August 28, the eighth annual Bill Sugra Memorial Golf Outing will take place at Green Pond Country Club in Bethlehem. **Bill Sugra '93** died at New York's World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. In the years since, the Bill Sugra Memorial Fund, established by Bill's parents and sister, has been supported by friends, family, and community members. Over the past seven years, more than \$125,000 has been distributed to various individuals and organizations, including IUP, where a scholarship was established.

Shaun Royer, Allentown, has received the scholarship the past two years. Information about the golf tournament and the fund are available at www.billsugramemorialfund.org.

Nicole Conn Niles '94 recently became a behavior specialist for Prince William County Schools, Virginia. She and her husband, Clay, have a son and a daughter.

Last fall, **Richard Fullam '96** was installed for a two-year term as president of the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. The society has a membership of 26,000 in 470 chapters in all fifty states and in Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, and the U.K. Saratoga Battle participates in local historical events like wreath layings, parades, and a July Fourth Naturalization Ceremony

for new American citizens at the battlefield.

Indiana Gazette news editor **Jason Levan '97** won both first- and second-place awards in the front-page design category of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's 2008 Keystone Press Awards competition. Meanwhile, the *Gazette's* assistant sports editor, **Matt Burglund '98**, won a second-place award in the sports beat reporting category for his year-round coverage of IUP's football team.

For the past eight years, **Justin Leidenheimer CA '98** has worked as an executive chef for Jeff Ruby and is currently at Carlo & Johnny in Montgomery, Ohio. (The restaurant sports "the doorknobs from Al Capone's winter home.") Justin and his wife, Nicole, have bought a house in Cincinnati.

Clarion University of Pennsylvania has promoted **Chris Rossetti '98** to full-time assistant sports information director/sports web director. He has worked in the Sports Information office for ten years. He and his wife, **Shenessa Huth Rossetti '97, M'06**, live in Shippensburg.

● 2000s

When **Jennifer Fell '00** married **Shane Whigham** last fall, **Kristy Emigh Clark '00** was in the bridal party. Wedding guests included **Tricia Moore Zarfoss '99, M'01, Maetal Zmora '00, Amy Savage Murdoch '01, Jennifer Krause Statler '01, and Stephanie Roth '02**. Earlier last year, Jen completed her MBA degree from Villanova. The Whighams reside in Coatesville.

In April, **Trevor Maloney '01** was ordained as a Soto Zen priest in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi at Beginner's Mind Temple, San Francisco. He would like to hear from old friends and classmates at

tsmaloney@gmail.com.

When **Jayme Potts Cherry '01** married U.S. Marine Corps Major John Robert Cherry in Hershey last fall, alumnae in the wedding party included Jayme's sister, **Beth Potts '04**, and John's mother, **Camille Kostelac-Cherry '76**. Jayme and John live in Jacksonville, N.C. More information appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Ginger Cillo Martin M'04, D'07, a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in early child development issues, has joined Pittsburgh's Cognitive Dynamic Therapy Associates, which has offices in Oakland and Wexford. More information and a photo appear in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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The wedding party last fall of **Sarah Buffington Hanslovan '05** and **Thomas Hanslovan '06** included **Elizabeth Gaffney Buffington '05, Kerrienne Walters '05, M'07, and Kristy Kelso Witt '05**. The Hanslovans live in DuBois.

When **Wendy Williams '05** married Benjamin Smith at Harrisburg's Fort Hunter Park in April, many IUP alumnae were in the wedding party and on the guest list. The bride's brother, **Corey Williams**, is a current IUP student. **Jessica Sipe '05** was a maid of honor, and the bridesmaids included **Tiffany Casper '05, Rachael Gamaldi '05, and Jessica Tucker Walker '05**. Among the guests were **Pauline Cummings Ferrari '05** and **Melissa Wilson '05**. Wendy is an officer recruiter for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and Ben is a shop manager for World Cup Ski and Cycle. The Smiths live in Harrisburg. Photos

appear in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Former psychology honors student **Timothy Zeiger '05** is doing a predoctoral psychology internship at Philhaven Hospital in Mount Gretna, Pa.

Indiana Gazette reporter **Paul Rossman '06, M'08** won an honorable mention in the 2008 Keystone Press Awards competition sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. He was recognized for the piece he researched and wrote about how Indiana Borough officials deal with delinquent parking violations.

Seth Erwin '07 and **Meghan Gregorakis '08** are engaged to

be married next year. This August, Meghan will complete work on an M.Ed. degree at IUP.

An interior designer, **Nicole Mitchell '07** lives in Enola, Pa., and became engaged in November to Jon Criswell. They're planning a wedding in October 2010.

IUP faculty member Janet Walker passed along news of two Math Education alumni in Virginia. **Megan Sheeler '08** won the New Teacher award at Thornburg Middle School, and **Derek Stiffler '08** received a similar award at Post Oak Middle School. In fact, he won the New Teacher award for the entire district of Spotsylvania County.



weddings

1980s


Pamela Pollack '80 to Jim Rehbock, March 21, 2009. **Bernice Newell '84, M'01** to Don Pelava, January 28, 2009.

1990s

Amy Coffman '92 to Daniel Messersmith, October 11, 2008. **Justin Leidenheimer CA'98** to Nicole Dattilo, September 13, 2008.

2000s

Jennifer Fell '00 to Shane Whigham, October 18, 2008. **Jayme Potts '01** to John Cherry, November 22, 2008. **Nick Curry '00** to **Julie Huck '02**, October 18, 2008. **Sarah Buffington '05** to **Thomas Hanslovan '06**, October 25, 2008. **Wendy Williams '05** to Benjamin Smith, April 11, 2009.



Amanda Lucidon '01 was with the *Riverside, Calif., Press-Enterprise* when she photographed a multimedia presentation involving a California School for the Deaf ballerina who excels, even though she can't hear. Amanda's work won an Award of Excellence in the sixty-sixth annual Pictures of the Year International competition for 2008. More than 46,000 images were reviewed by eleven highly respected professionals in three weeks of judging that preceded announcement of the winners this past March. There's a link to Amanda's award-winning presentation from the Alumni Extra site at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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arrivals

1980s

To **Carrie Lasser Bredekamp** '85 and John Bredekamp, a son, John Roger, January 5, 2009

1990s

To **Nicole Conn Niles** '94 and Clay Niles, a daughter, Teagan Marie, September 16, 2006. To **Christine Bidle Charles** '95 and Douglas

Charles '97, a daughter, Amelia Jane, April 5, 2008. To **Karen Barton Erskine** '95 and **Greg Erskine** '97, a son, Jeremy James, March 10, 2009. To **Kerin Baxter Hoffmann** '96 and Jason Hoffmann, a daughter, Elaina Sue, January 15, 2009. To **Cherie Cinquino Lagomarsino** '97 and Scott Lagomarsino, a daughter, Ava Emilee, June 27, 2008. To **Colleen Diven Concannon** '98 and **Kevin Concannon** '99, a son, Brayden John, February 23, 2009. To **Kris Douglas** '98 and Jennifer

Douglas, a daughter, Alexis Cynthia, October 6, 2008. To **Alan Yeschenko** '98 and **Melanie Kachur Yeschenko** '98, an adopted son, Mason Andrew, September 8, 2008, born November 19, 2006. To **Kelly Polly Bell** '99 and **David Bell** '00, a son, William Alan, October 23, 2008. To **James Edmiston** '99 and Tammie Edmiston, a son, Tyler James, January 28, 2009.

2000s

To **Vincent Defelice** '00, M'02 and **Jill McMillen Defelice**

'03, a son, Levi Joseph, February 18, 2009. To **Janna Smith Pelletier** '00 and Robert Pelletier, a daughter, Cara Isabel, April 13, 2009. To **Matthew Gergely** '02 and Holly Gergely, a son, Mason Matthew, March 19, 2009.





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deaths

1929: Martha Steffy Bell,
Ruth Shuster Clegg.

1931: Vyrle Haley Troxell.

1932: Kathleen McCarthy
Neumont.

1933: Eloise Chorpenning
Brown, Adalgisa
Ceraso, Margaret
Shirley Orr, Evelyn
Stiffler Reese,
Hunter Stump.

1934: Alma Pomeroy
Williams.

1937: Ruth Johnson Ream.

1941: Ruth Taylor Birnstock,
Sarah Horner Oglie,
James Sheaffer,
Lilla Ribblett Womer.

1942: Roberta Mowry
O'Hara, Nancy
Cummings Rogers.

1943: Ruth Jordan Conklin,
Robert Davis.

1945: Anne Weaver Booske,
Phyllis Snyder Small.

1946: Monica Coyne
Christopher, Doris
Jeane Lingle Read.

1947: Roe Cunningham,
Kathryn Barilar
Mottey, Kathryn
Widdowson Polder.

1948: Zoe Ross.

1949: Herman Rupert.

1950: Margaret Keener
Larsen, Charles Zeisler.

1951: William Duncgan,
Peter Lenosky,
Frank Mikolaj,
Frederick Wolfe.

1952: Dorothy McClintock
Pender, Earl Shafer.

1953: David Johnson, Anna

McFeaters Lomnicki.

1954: John Gallo,
Winifred Repine Stitt.

1957: Betty Hostetler
Cunningham.

1958: Lynne Overdorff Weiss,
Marilyn Wheeling.

1959: Miles Bausch, Rena
Frazier Benes,
Melba Kramer Downey,
Ronald Scott.

1960: Donna Mae Couy,
Nancy Fowler Werner.

1963: William Abplanalp (M),
Thomas Herda, Ruth
Tanner Monroe.

1965: Thomas Nedrich,
Charles Wilson (M).

1967: Donald Emberg (M).

1968: Angela Dudek.

1969: Jerry Hagan, Elaine Peles
McMullen (M), Marie
Mitaly (M).

1970: George Kelley (M),
Trudy Steuernagel.

1971: John Griffith, Mary
Kokolis Hlusko,
Robert Martin.

1972: Michael Davidek (M).

1973: Bruce Stewart.

1974: Patty Back Field.

1975: Robert Moyer.

1977: Thomas Carnahan,
George Zimmerman.

1981: Patricia McGinnis.

1982: Deborah Ann Chobany,
Marnita Gibson.

1983: James Armstrong.

1985: Barbara Steen Thomas.

1987: Wendy Burdette.

1998: Veronica Evans Burke.

2002: Stephen Mayhle.

2003: Lindsay Calvario.

other deaths

Lillian Yvette Bentley, who
worked at IUP for twenty-four
years until her retirement in
1994, died February 4, 2009.

Bruce Berg, a faculty member
in the Criminology
Department for a decade
beginning in 1988, died Febru-
ary 20, 2009.

Brenton Croll, a freshman
Nursing major from Roaring
Springs, died March 18, 2009.

Isabel Helmrich, who with her
husband, Oliver, created IUP's
Post-Master's Certification in
School Psychology program
and who was on the faculty
from 1968 until her retirement
in 1985, died March 10, 2009.

William Leventry, a faculty
member who taught
educational psychology from
1962 until his retirement in
1985, died May 18, 2009.

Aaron Mills, a sophomore
Studio Art major from Indiana,
died March 16, 2009.

Imogene Moyer, a member of
the Criminology Department
faculty from 1984 to 1998, died
April 22, 2009.

Charles Stevenson, who
arrived at IUP as professor of
Military Science in 1965 and
stayed on after his military
retirement as a Business faculty
member until his retirement in
1989, died March 19, 2009.

George Stouffer died May 3,
2009. Information appears in
the Mentors section of
this issue.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Johnson met his wife,
Audrey Vogan Johnson, a
1952 Home Economics grad-
uate, at IUP. They are the
parents of a son, Ward John-
son (a Safety Sciences grad-
uate), and his wife, Elaine,
and a daughter, Lee, and her
husband, Donald Faulcon-
bridge. They are also the
grandparents of four.

In 2000, Mr. Johnson was
honored with the State Sys-
tem of Higher Education's
Eberly Award for Philanthropy
and Volunteerism. This award
followed the 1987 presenta-
tion of the IUP Distinguished
Alumni Award. In addition to
his service to IUP, Mr. John-
son was active in both the
Indiana and Philadelphia
area communities.

Without question, David
Johnson created an outstand-
ing legacy as a father, a hus-
band, a businessman, and a
philanthropist who gave his
very best to those whose
lives he touched. Mr. John-
son's life reminds me of a
famous quote by Sir Winston
Churchill: "We make a living
by what we get, but make a
life by what we give." Mr.
Johnson's life was truly rich in
service to others.

Isn't that what life is really
about? Love, success, and
stewardship were values that
David Johnson lived and
breathed. What a terrific role
model for our students, and
what a marvelous example of
"servant leadership" for us all. 🐾

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